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Dear Josh,

This is mainly to let you know that I am leaving dear O. B. L. and am looking for another post. I sometimes think that a large microbiology dept. that could afford to have a fungus & alga man would suit me better than a Botany dept. even if it be called Plant Science. If in Botany, however, I would rather teach genetics than Thallophyte morphology. I would be glad to know of anything that you hear of. As for this dept. I would not like to predict its future course. Reeder, Castle, Jackson, & Boyce are still here and, among those doing some work, Giles & Galston. It is not

altogether a harmonious mixture and I am not at all sure that Tippo knows on which side to lean. I had hoped his first move would have been to get Dave Bonner back & in our new building and also someone like Ralf Lewin but I don't think now that this will be the direction of things.

Speaking of Dave Bonner his first child Mathew David was born last Saturday, Miriam is very well & we had suitable celebration over in microbiology.

Have you seen the last Penguin "New Biology" with an article by Levin on flagella and another by Holdane on microbial genetics in which he calls your '47 paper "One of the classics of biology" I told Tippo that bacteria had sex and that the discovery was made in this dept. & he seemed interested - I believe he mentioned it in his undergraduate lectures. Yours Haig ^{Regards} from Crow